GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3942
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2000
FLIGHTS FROM CALCUTTA-PORT BLAIR-PHUKET-BANGKOK
SURESH KODIKUNNIL

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Port Blair Airport has been extended and construction of its runway is in progress;

(b) whether the Government are considering to augment the flight for Calcutta-Port Blair-Phuket-Bangkot; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a):- Airports Authority of India has constructed a new terminal building with all modern passenger facilities alongwith new apron and link taxi track at an estimated cost of Rs. 19.83 crores and the work for extension of runway to 11000 ft. is in progress.

(b) and (c):- Port Blair has not been offered as a pointof call to any foreign airline. National Carriers are free to operate from any airport subject to traffic potential and availability of aircraft.